



4th April 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #27

Update to DCC bus routes timetable for Summer Term

Please take time to read the updated bus timetable on the school website for the following routes: **001, 002, 005, 007, 735** operated by Glovers Mason, and **009 route** operated by De-luxe Coaches – their morning pick-ups have been adjusted and will be **10 minutes earlier at each stop starting from Tuesday 22nd April** to the end of the summer term. This is due to the ongoing road closures/diversions to reduce lateness during the exam period.

Derbyshire Team Maths Challenge

A massive well done to Penny T, Otilie G, Xanny B and James B who took part in the Derbyshire Team Maths Challenge. The Team Maths Challenge promotes mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills. It also gives our students the opportunity to compete against students from other schools in Derbyshire. After a challenging but enjoyable day, our four did extremely well, narrowly missing out on a podium place and coming 4th out of 19 by only a couple of points. Our students represented QEGS exceptionally and were a credit to our school. A massive well done!



Year 10 & Year 12 Work Experience Placements

Well done to the large number of Year 10 and 12 students who have already organised their work experience placements. Students have received a reminder this week to check their Work Experience progress on Unifrog. If the agreed placement employer has yet to complete the online form – make contact over the Easter break to ask the contact named to check their junk/spam email or if received and yet to complete, ask to action as soon as possible please.

Students yet to arrange a work experience placement have limited time now to arrange. School requires the information submitted onto Unifrog by the end of the Easter break for the July placements to be agreed.

Please check the previous letters sent out to Year 10 and 12 parents/carers for the criteria for work placements: Students will be expected in school during the final week (21st July to 24th July), if a placement has not been arranged, or if the placement is not authorised by school if criteria has not been met.

Work experience opportunities provide students an idea of a career they may enjoy and helps to develop their CV for future employment and studies Post-16 and Post-18.

Break and Lunch Zones and Boothby lunches for next half term:

- **Year 7** front of school
- **Year 8** Rear of school (courts, back of sports hall and observatory area) - courts football tournament with Mr Garrity on Tuesday
- **Year 9** quad. Boothby lunch Monday to Thursday
- **Year 10** Rear of school (courts, back of sports hall and observatory area) - courts football tournament with Mr Garrity on Thursday. Boothby lunch on Friday
- **Year 11** front of school

The Big Green creative writing competition

Students are invited to celebrate nature, care for the environment and create a better world for the future by writing a poem or mini saga (a story told in up to 100 words) that gives young voices a chance to be heard by being published in our school bulletin. **What would you stop or change to help planet Earth?** This is an amazing opportunity to explore climate change and learn about the local environment as well as help you understand the impact of our actions from dropping litter, or recycling, to the destruction of rainforests, and supporting Fair Trade. We encourage all young writers to believe that they can change their world. Writing a poem or story is the first step in being heard and we are ready to listen. Please speak to an English teacher or the librarians if you would like any help or inspiration! **Submit your entries to the library by Tuesday 6th May.** Good luck

Madrid Trip

This week, Señor Tapia Meza has led a group of Year 10 students and staff to Madrid, Spain. The group have been exploring the cultural and culinary highlights of the capital of Spain!

This marks the first trip abroad for QEGS since the lock-down era and we are enormously grateful to Mr Tapia Meza for all his hard work to organise the trip and to Mrs Izquierdo, Mrs Starkie and Mr Atkins for accompanying and helping to run it.



We look forward to seeing more of the group's photos and hearing about their experiences in a future bulletin! Safe travels home today.

Year 11- History Revision: Maximise Exam Success

Reminder that History revision sessions will continue after Easter.

- **Cold War sessions- Monday and Tuesday 3.25 in room 854.**
- **Lunch time revision sessions in 854- A Week: Tuesdays, B Week: Thursdays.**

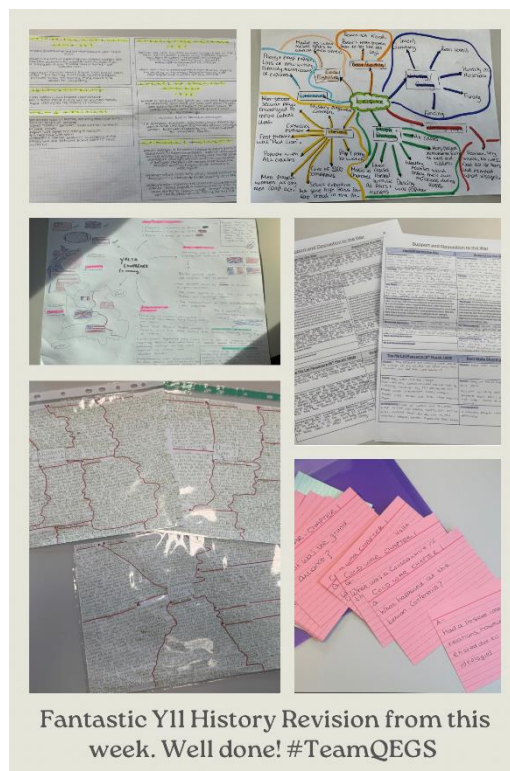
Students can bring their lunch with them to these sessions and skip the queue passes are available for Boothby!

- **Easter Revision session- Wednesday 9th April 10am-1pm.**

Independent Revision

Please also encourage students to be using the Year 11 History Teams page as there are many resources here to help support students with their independent revision.

It has been wonderful to see so many Year 11 creating some amazing examples of revision this week. Please show your examples to your History teacher for rewards.



Sixth Form Easter Egg Hunt

The great Easter Egg Hunt for QEGS Sixth Form was held this morning and was very well attended and enjoyed by all, especially the Easter Bunny!

Overall winners – Year 12, Form 12KA, and Year 13, Form 13CL

House matches results!

Over the last two weeks, QEGS PE Team have been organising and running Netball and Football House Matches for Years 7 -10, where over 160 girls played netball, and 239 boys participated in football to represent their Houses.

Below are the football and netball results and an updated 'Overall Total' for this academic year, including rugby, hockey and girls' football.

The PE Team would like to thank all the students, who took part – Each event ran perfectly, and we were impressed with their amazing behaviour, competitive spirit and most importantly, the enjoyment that was had. Also, a thank you to the Sixth Formers that give up their free time to score, referee and umpire.

Netball: Year 7		Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1 st	Boothby	Cokayne	Cokayne	Cokayne
2 nd	Hull	Boothby	Boothby	Boothby
3 rd	Cokayne	Spalden	Hull	Hull
4 th	Spalden	Hull	Spalden	Spalden

Football: Year 7		Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1 st	Cokayne	Boothby	Spalden	Hull
2 nd	Boothby	Spalden	Boothby	Boothby
3 rd	Spalden	Hull	Cokayne	Spalden
4 th	Hull	Cokayne	Hull	Cokayne

House match leaderboard so far, this academic year:
Football, Rugby, Netball, Hockey:

24/25 Leaderboard:	
1 st	Cokayne 250 points
2 nd	Boothby 240 Points
3 rd	Spalden 235 Points
4 th	Hull 225 Points



Hockey News

Well done to our Year 8s who competed in the England Hockey U14 State school tournament at the Nottingham Hockey Centre. They played some lovely hockey, developing their skills and knowledge as the day went on. Hopefully all enjoyed; it was a great experience at a fantastic local hockey venue! Thanks to Mr Hicklin who came with us for the day and who has helped throughout the year with training.





Good Luck to Sam C Year 8 who travels to Rotterdam this Easter as he continues with his U14 UK Lions Hockey Goalkeeping journey!

Rugby News

The Year 10 Rugby 7s team, travelled to Dronfield rugby club on Wednesday to play in the County tournament. The boys played 4 matches and won all 4, going into the final against Anthony Gell having played 3 games back-to-back. They dug deep and won the game 24-19. All the squad should be proud of their performances in what was a brilliant afternoon of rugby.

Good luck to all the players who are playing for Ashbourne in the NLD Cup final against Stamford on Sunday! Go get the win, you deserve it!

Derbyshire County Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to our 3 teams of athletes who took part in the second round of this competition in Alfreton on Thursday. Results as follows:

Year 8 Boys - County Champions

Year 8 Girls - County Champions

Year 7 Boys - 2nd in Derbyshire

Looking very promising for our summer athletics events coming up after Easter!



Co-curricular Sport Timetable – Summer 2025

Please see the attached poster with details of the Co-curricular Sport Timetable starting after the Easter break.



Primary Sport event

This week was the Year 3 & 4 Primary High Netball. Well done to everyone that took part and a big thank you to Izzy, Freya and Joe, and the netball umpires for leading the event.

Success outside of school

Olivia A, Year 7, competed in the Pony Club National Winter Triathlon Championships finals hosted in Grantham this weekend. The competition had children from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and comprised of shooting an air pistol at a turning target from 7 meters, running, and swimming. Olivia competed both as an individual coming 6th and was also selected as part of the Area 6 team which came 3rd. Well done, Olivia!



3 weeks and counting to the London Marathon!

Mr Brown is running the London marathon in 3 weeks' time raising money for "Young Lives Vs Cancer". This charity helps families find the strength to face everything cancer throws at them.

If you would like to sponsor him, please use the link below, any donation would be greatly appreciated!

https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/andy-brown?fbclid=PAZXhObgNhZW0CMTEAAaiWFJrto_FM9hUCZWHDQqrfTz45HDfk054LpRLkOHmOR5IXS6oLc8FPy8_aem_qKpa1pKM8eqc0UIdAQkNNA

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust.

Currently live for QEGS and QEGSMAT vacancies:

<https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

School Canteen

Menu following Easter break is week 1 –

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/canteen/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 22nd April – first day of Summer 1 term
- 23rd April – Bronze DofE training (equipment)
- 23rd April – Junior Maths Challenge
- 24th April – Year 10 Parent Teachers Meeting, face to face, on site
- 24th April – Dance and Performance evening (exam), 6:30pm
- 28th April to 2nd May – GCSE & A Level Music Recording
- 29th April – Silver DofE training (equipment)
- 1st May – Year 12, University Experience Day at Sheffield Hallam
- 5th May – Bank Holiday, school closed
- 7th May to 9th May – Silver DofE practice expedition
- 8th May to 9th May – Bronze DofE practice expedition

Finally

Our new Deputy Head, Kevin Davis joins us on Monday 12th May, he is excited and looking forward to joining us. Recently, we also welcomed Zoe Brown to our staff, ex-QEGS student Zoe joins our admin team and oversees our staff cover each day. Today we say farewell to Rob Taylor (Maths Teacher) who is off to a new school as Head of Department, good luck Rob.

Our students and staff have had an exceptional term. So many great achievements and so much hard work, in particular from Year 11 and Year 13 students getting ready for their exams. Well done everyone #TeamQEGS

We hope that you and your families have a restful break and enjoy the spring sunshine. Happy Easter!

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Encl: Co-curricular Sport Timetable



Co-curricular Sport Timetable -Summer 2025

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	<p>All Years Table Tennis Gym</p> <p>GCSE PE Intervention Mr Brown 566</p>	<p>All Years Badminton Sportshall Mr Hallam</p> <p>Primary sports Miss Clayton & Mrs Barrie</p>	<p>All Years Table Tennis Gym Mr Brown</p> <p>CNAT Intervention Miss Clayton</p> <p>Y9&10 Rounders Playing Fields Miss Brown</p>	<p>All Years Badminton Sportshall Mrs Caton</p> <p>All Years Volleyball Gym Mr Brown</p>	<p>All Years Basketball Sportshall Mrs Barrie</p> <p>A-Level Intervention Miss Brown</p>
After school 15:20 - 16:20	<p>Y7&8 Girls Rounders Playing Fields Miss Clayton</p> <p>Y9-10 Athletics Playing Fields Mrs Barrie & Mr Brown</p> <p>All Years Tennis Astroturf</p>	<p>Primary sports Miss Clayton & Mrs Barrie</p> <p>All years Boys Rounders Playing Fields Mr Brown</p> <p>All Years Tennis Astroturf</p>	<p>All Years Running Club Playing Fields Mr Brown</p> <p>Y7-8 Athletics Playing Fields Mrs Caton & Mr Hallam</p> <p>All Years Tennis Astroturf</p>	<p>All Years Athletics Playing Fields Mr Brown, Mrs Caton & Mrs Barrie</p> <p>All Years Tennis Astroturf</p>	<p>All years Boys Cricket Playing Fields Mr Hallam</p> <p>All years Girls Cricket Playing Fields Miss Brown</p> <p>All Years Tennis Astroturf</p>